

## Interview Summary

Application No.

09/680,400

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Christopher Verdier.(3) Robert Pous.(2) Jill Denesvich.

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Date of Interview: 07 October 2002.Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-4.Identification of prior art discussed: Swiss Patent 171,458, Walsh, Applicants' Prior Art Figures 7-8.Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants' representatives explained their position that in the Swiss Patent '458, the flanges are not considered to be walls of the casing that separate an interior of the hollow casing from an exterior of the hollow casing. Applicants' representatives discussed the rejections under 35 USC 103 and explained their position that the combinations would not be obvious.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

  
**CHRISTOPHER VERDIER**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required